



Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force

MEETING MINUTES

The Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Task Force met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. (EST) to 12:00 P.M. (EST) at Indiana Government Center South (302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204) in Conference Room A. A recording of this meeting is available at the following link: <https://indiana.adobeconnect.com/pa68o5nrrzvg/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

I. Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) Director Kylee Hope Called the Meeting to Order

II. Introduction of Task Force Members

Present: Senator Vanetta Becker (District 50), Christine Dahlberg, Kim Dodson, Kathleen McAllen, Nancy Holsapple, Jay Chaudhary, Kylee Hope, Julie Reynolds, Elizabeth Peyton, Jonathan Burlison, Joe Langerak, Jason Meyer, Steve Cook, Shawn Fulton, David Reed, Jan Kulik

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2019 Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Taskforce.

IV. Task Force Discussion of HSRI's Waiver Redesign Initial Concept Draft (HSRI representatives presented via video conference)

The HSRI team of John Augusta, Yoshi Kardell and Brittney Taylor introduced the Wavier Redesign concept paper. There are two versions of the paper: a full report with appendices and a shorter summary. The outline lays the foundation with DDRS goals and background based on the guiding principles of person centered planning. The purpose and focus of the work being done is broader than the paid services and supports being offered. The aim is to build a support services structure that is a launch pad to a full life as each individual defines it. The most important part for the project development is the feedback and input that will come from the Task Force members, stakeholders and general public going forward from now until April, 2020. It should be noted that nothing in this paper should be viewed as the final vision. The paper explores potential options for multiple waivers, potential service changes, etc. After the paper was presented, there was discussion among the Task Force on different considerations / scenarios for consumers and waiver services options. **The concept paper can be found at the following link:** <https://www.in.gov/fssa/files/IN%20Concept%20Paper%20Exec%20Summary%20Final.pdf>

V. Statewide Crisis Assistance Program Presentation and Discussion

a. Indiana Needs a Crisis Program. Let's START! (Presentation by Dr. Joan Beasley & Kelly Hartman)

Kelly Hartman provided background on the importance of having a crisis response system for Indiana's residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She emphasized that strengthening the crisis system will not only better help individuals in need, it will also lead to long-term cost savings.



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Dr. Beasley, co-founder and Director of The Center for START Services at the Institute on Disability introduced the evidence based START Model. Currently, there is not a crisis assistance program but Indiana does treat individuals in crisis and this can be very costly and not the ideal solution to be considered with system transformation. The START evidence based model began in 1988 and this is a wellness based model. Dr. Beasley presented an overview.

b. Task Force Discussion

Kim Dodson commented that the ARC advocates and family members get crisis calls daily. Nationally, ARC members with START model experience speak highly of it. Average cost per individual including medical consultation, crisis response, clinical consult and therapeutic coaching per person annually is much cheaper than one hospitalization cost of an individual. There are different ways of starting the program and states can determine what works best within their system. It was suggested that there are some crisis services available around Indiana and those programs should be considered as Indiana moves forward. DMHA Director Chaudhary remarked that the criminal justice system is absent as a stakeholder and should be included. Prosecutors and judges are often the biggest road blocks to access.

VI. Institutional Modernization Workgroup Update and Related State Agency Data Presentations

a. Institutional Modernization Workgroup (Cathy Robinson, Director, BDDS)

An overview and update on the activities of this workgroup was given beginning with a look at the group's charter that was developed directly from the 1102 Task Force Recommendations. The specific work plan that is required by the group due by the end of 2020 was reviewed. The workgroup was given information on existing institutional settings as a foundational basis for the work ahead.

b. Division of Mental Health and Addiction (Jay Chaudhary, Director, DMHA)

Jay Chaudhary gave an overview of the State Psychiatric Hospital (SPH) Network. A court has to order individuals into the state hospitals by finding that they are gravely disabled and/or a danger to themselves or others and these referrals are steadily increasing. In a criminal case where you're found incompetent to stand trial, by state statute, you must be committed to DMHA for restoration. Restoration does not mean anything therapeutic it is only for the purpose of ensuring that the individual understands the criminal case that it to be prosecuted. This has doubled in last 6 years and there is a significant backlog. The year 2023 is the goal for zero individuals on the waitlist. These individuals are kept in county jails and they are generally extremely acute needing 2-1 staffing and the vast majority are indigent. This is relevant because this cannot be paid by Medicaid and this is taking up approximately \$830/day all state funds. We must be intentional as we move forward.



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c. Department of Education (Dr. Nancy Holsapple, Director of Special Education, DOE)

Dr. Nancy Holsapple presented on the number of students with disabilities in the educational system beginning at age 3 to when they age out at 21 or 22 years old. There are two counts done per year on December 1 and April 1 to gather this data. April 1 of 2019 was the most recent count where 180,000 students were identified with a disability. Dr. Holsapple went on to describe how the data is collected citing that Article 7 is what is used to identify students with disabilities. There are two ways students can exit: age out or with a diploma. Certificates of completion are tracked and the numbers will show a decrease and diplomas will increase. Exiting with a diploma, there are 7,250 students with disabilities and this has steadily grown since 2016.

d. State Department of Health (Jan Kulik, Director of Survey Supports & Guidance, ISDH)

Jan Kulik presented on the numbers of individuals by type of facility by age. Females: 750 Males: 664. Long-term care facilities can accept children under the age of 18 by requesting a waiver.

e. Division of Aging (Elizabeth Peyton, Innovation and Clinical Practice Director, DA)

Ms. Peyton presented on the number of individuals with ID/DD served on the Aged and Disabled waiver. HCBS services can be used with federal, state and local programs. There are two waivers that provide alternatives to nursing facility care. The data presented came from the Medicaid paid claims data state fiscal year 2018. There are .05% of individuals who have an IDD diagnosis or 127 individuals. Age range: 60% are under 30. The biggest number are ages 6-9 years old. Of the services available on the waivers, not all are used. Respite and attendant care are most common services utilized.

f. Department of Child Services (David Reed, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, DCS)

Mr. Reed gave an overview of the number of youth within the Department of Child Services with ID/DD. He stated that there are often challenges in finding resources to serve individuals with disabilities.

VII. Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (“IHCA”) Community Integration and Moving Forward 2020 Update (Matt Rayburn, Deputy Executive Director & Chief Real Estate Development Officer, IHCA)

This presentation will be given at the next Task Force meeting later this year.



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VIII. Key Updates on 1102 Final Report Recommendations (Kylee Hope, Director, DDRS)

Status of the Task Force Recommendation. Indiana Disability Rights and the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities were thanked for the contribution of providing updates. It is noteworthy to point out that the FSW Military priority category had 70 individuals receive the priority status. There was a Work to Include Employment First Summit where national experts came to present to state leaders and stakeholders on their Employment First initiatives and subject matter experts shared information with Indiana agency leaders, stakeholders and advocates.

IX. Business Items for Next Meeting / Adjourn Meeting